

OREGON POTATOES

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Processing

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 38.1 million cwt of raw potatoes to January 1, 2005, a decrease of 1 percent from the 38.5 million cwt processed during the same period last year and a decrease of 3 percent from 39.5 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 30.8 million cwt of raw potatoes to January 1, less than a one percent increase from a year ago but a 12 percent decrease from two years ago. Total processing of the 2004 crop potatoes was 86.0 million cwt to January 1, down just over 2 percent from last year and down slightly over 7 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 17.0 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2003 and 2004 crops ¹

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2003-2004	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
2004-2005	24,360	30,840	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and other areas, Oregon ⁴								
2003-2004	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
2004-2005	32,305	38,130	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2003-2004	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
2004-2005	1,555	1,985	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other states ³								
2003-2004	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
2004-2005	12,525	15,035	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ⁴								
2003-2004	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
2004-2005	70,745	85,990	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI and WI. ² Includes ME grown potatoes only. ³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. ⁴ December revised.

January 1 Stocks Down 8 Percent

As of January 1, 2005, potato stocks in Oregon totaled 14.5 million cwt, an eight percent decrease from one year ago. These stocks account for 73 percent of Oregon's potato production in 2004. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

On January 1, approximately 64 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 14 percent were in Klamath County and 16 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks were down 15 percent compared to last year, while stocks in Klamath and Malheur Counties were up 8 and 28 percent respectively.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after January 1.

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United States Potato Stocks Up 2 Percent

The 15 major potato States held 238 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type show a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of long whites and russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 165 million cwt of potatoes is down 3 percent from last year and 6 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.0 million cwt so far this season, is up 15 percent from last year and 10 percent above the same date in 2003.

Western States held 163 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, up 4 percent from last year but 1 percent below two years ago. California's potato stocks are up 33 percent from last year, while Idaho's and Montana's storages both hold 10 percent more. Potato sheds in Oregon are down 8 percent and Washington's and Colorado's sheds both stored 2 percent less than last year.

Central States accounted for 59.4 million cwt of potato stocks on January 1, down 4 percent from last year but 13 percent above two years ago. Ohio's potato stocks are down 37 percent, Michigan potato sheds stored 10 percent less than last year, and Minnesota's stocks decreased 6 percent. North Dakota's sheds are the only ones in the Central States storing more potatoes than last year.

Eastern States stored 15.7 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, up 3 percent from last year and 12 percent above two years ago. New York's stocks are up 13 percent from last year, while Maine stocks increased 6 percent. Pennsylvania's sheds decreased 27 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and 15 state total, 2000-2004 ¹

Crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
			Oregon					
2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	-	-	-	-	-
			15 Major states ¹					
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,327	271,800	238,220	-	-	-	-	-

¹ See table below for listing of 15 major fall potato states.

Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers, processors and local dealers on January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2005 ¹

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2004	Jan 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	20,991	15,800	75	19,775	14,500	73
Idaho	123,180	76,500	62	131,970	84,500	64
Washington	93,150	44,000	47	93,810	43,000	46
California	3,528	2,100	60	3,876	2,800	72
Colorado	23,652	15,300	65	23,148	15,000	65
Maine	17,030	12,100	71	19,220	12,800	67
Michigan	15,015	7,700	51	13,650	6,900	51
Minnesota	22,330	12,400	56	18,920	11,600	61
Montana	3,339	3,000	90	3,551	3,300	93
Nebraska	9,744	5,600	57	9,288	5,300	57
New York	6,510	1,600	25	5,184	1,800	35
North Dakota	27,440	17,300	63	26,765	17,500	65
Ohio	1,097	190	17	1,080	120	11
Pennsylvania	3,375	1,500	44	2,640	1,100	42
Wisconsin	32,800	18,500	56	30,450	18,000	59
15 State Total	403,181	233,590	58	403,327	238,220	59

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.